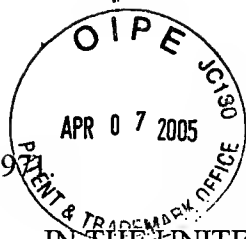


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
RYO YAMASAKI )  
Appln. No.: 09/994,744 )  
Filed: November 28, 2001 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS )  
Examiner: Yogesh K. Aggarwal  
Art Unit: 2615  
April 4, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2005, Applicant elects, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of Group I (Claims 1-7) and Species 3 (Fig. 32). Claims 1 and 4 read on the elected species, and Claim 1 is deemed generic to all four Species identified in the Office Action.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Signature

April 4, 2005

Date of Signature

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leonard P. Diana", written over a horizontal line.

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